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SUBJECT: US INPUT TO EC DELIBERATIONS ON AID TO

ZAIRE, ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA

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1. DEPARTMENT'S VIEW ON QUESTION OF AID TO ZAIRE, ZAMBIA AND ANGOLA IS THAT THERE MUST BE A CLEAR DISTINCTION DRAWN BETWEEN AID TO PRO-WESTERN STATES THAT RESISTED SOVIET/ CUBAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA AT CONSIDERABLE RISK TO THEIR OWN SECURITY AND AID TO A REGIME RECENTLY INSTALLED BY CUBAN TROOPS AND SOVIET WEAPONS. THE FORMER DESERVE A PROMPT, GENEROUS RESPONSE BY THE WEST AS A GESTURE OF OUR CONCERN FOR THEIR PREDICAMENT AND AS A SIGNAL TO OTHER AFRICAN STATES THAT THE WEST DOES LOOK AFTER ITS FRIENDS. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD HOPE MEMBERS OF THE NINE WOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER REESTABLISHING THE ZAIRIAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP AS WAS RECENTLY PROPOSED TO SOME OF THEM BY ZAIRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER NGUZA.

2. IN OUR OPINION, WESTERN AID TO THE MPLA REGIME IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME. AT A MINIMUM, WE WOULD HOPE THAT SUCH AID WOULD INITIALLY BE CONFINED TO HUMANITARIAN RELIEF, PREFERABLY FUNDED THROUGH THE ICRC OR THE UNHCR, AND PROJECTS OF VALUE TO THE REGION, NOTABLY THE REPAIR OF THE BRIDGES ON THE BENGUELA RAILROAD THAT WERE DAMAGED IN THE FIGHTING. ANY SUCH AID, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE CONDITIONED ON MPLA'S ASSURANCES THAT THE RAILWAY WILL BE AVAILABLE, AS IN PAST, TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES DEPENDENT ON ITS FACILITIES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT FURTHER AID TO MPLA FROM THE WEST SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL THERE IS SOME INDICATION OF MPLA'S MOVEMENT TOWARD REDUCING THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS AND SOVIETS AS WELL AS INDICATION IT IS MASTER OF ITS OWN HOUSE.

3. ADDRESSEES SHOULD SEEK OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE KNOWN OUR VIEWS TO EC PRESIDENCY AND COMMISSION BEFORE AFRICAN EXPERTS GROUP MEETS ON THIS TOPIC MARCH 8-9. KISSINGER

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